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Sir:

On October 10, 2007 we filed an amendment which appears in the image file wrapper twice. In addition, we were duplicitly charged for the two additional independent claims on October 11, 2007.

Counsel respectfully requests that the amount of \$210.00 be credited to counsel's American express account or Deposit Account No. 12-1099 of Lerner Greenberg Stemer LLP.

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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and
listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

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Claim 1 (previously presented): A synchronous network, 210.00 OP
comprising:

nodes transmitting data to one another in a predefined sequence for a predefined duration, a plurality of said nodes outputting a synchronization signal defining a reference time for a synchronization of said nodes, said synchronization signal having a duration which is longer than a maximum signal transit time occurring inside the network;

a respective node of said nodes wishing to synchronize with one or more others of said nodes outputting the synchronization signal and further data which identifies said respective node in a time slot assigned to said respective node after outputting the synchronization signal or receiving the synchronization signal from another one of said nodes; and

said synchronization signal having at least one of a time profile and a duration that the synchronization signal can be identified as the synchronization signal even if other

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